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SUBJECT:CIVAIR - ECAC TRIPARTITE TALKS IN OTTAWA OCT 17-19

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAJOR POINTS COVERED IN TRIPARTITE TALKS ON CHARTERS BETWEEN US, CANADIAN AND ECAC AUTHORITIES.

2. MAJOR ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS RECONCILIATION OF US DESIRE FOR ELIMINATION OF ECAC RECOMMENDATION NO 8 BARRING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON CHARTER SERVICES AND ECAC PREFERENCE FOR A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON CHARTER PRINCIPLES. ECAC AGREED TO PROPOSE TO ITS MEMBERS REVISED RECOMMENDATION NO 8 WHICH WOULD PERMIT MEMBER STATES TO ENTER INTO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON CHARTERS WITH US PROVIDED " (1) ANY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGREED MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK DO NOT CONFLICT WITH, INHIBIT OR DELAY THE MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, (2) ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED BEFORE THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE MAIN PRINCIPLES THAT SHALL HAVE BEEN AGREED BEFOREHAND BY THE CONFERENCE AND INCLUDED PROVISION FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW TO ASSURE CONFORMITY WITH SUCH MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT."

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THIS RECOMMENDATION IS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBER STATES, THE THREE PARTIES WOULD HOLD FURTHER MEETINGS TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON NORTH ATLANTIC CHARTERS. THE WORK UNDER THIS ITEM WOULD BE BASED ON ECAC AND US PROPOSALS TABLED DURING THE TALKS. INITIALLY THE US TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE DEFINITION OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS SHOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A LIST OF GENERAL SUBHEADINGS WHILE ECAC SOUGHT MORE SPECIFIC DEFINITION OF CHARTER PRINCIPLES. FYI. ECAC POSITION SEEMED TO REFLECT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISTRUST AMONG ECAC MEMBERS AND THEIR FEAR THAT WITHOUT STRONG AND SPECIFIC MULTILATERAL PRINCIPLES BINDING ON ALL ECAC STATES, THERE COULD ENSUE TRAFFIC DIVERSION STEMMING FROM CONFLICTING CHARTER REGIMES AMONG ECAC STATES
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WHICH COULD BE EXPLOITED BY BILATERAL PARTIES SUCH AS US. END FYI

3. DEPT BELIEVES THAT MEETING PRODUCED POSITIVE RESULTS WHICH COULD PAVE WAY FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON CHARTER SERVICES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS IN REFORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATION WE STILL COULD ENCOUNTER ROAD BLOCKS. INGERSOLL

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